

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 14 and 21 as follows:

14. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A digital prescription carrier apparatus comprising:

- a carrier housing;
- a central processing unit (CPU) positioned within said housing;
- a display device positioned on said housing, interfaced to said CPU, and capable of displaying alphanumeric characters;
- input/output (I/O) interface circuitry positioned in said housing and interfaced to said CPU, said I/O circuitry being capable of interfacing said CPU to an external computer to exchange data therewith;
- data memory circuitry positioned within said housing;
- encrypting software for scrambling prescription data that represents a prescription into a form that is unintelligible and unreadable, said encrypting software further capable of converting encrypted prescription data to a readable form; and,
- prescription software stored in said memory to be processed by

said CPU,

- wherein, the CPU and the I/O circuitry cooperate to enable
 - uploading, by a prescriber, of the prescription data into said memory circuitry, and
 - downloading of said prescription data at a pharmacy.

**20 21. (AMENDED TO CORRECT AN INCORRECT CLAIM NUMBER;
CLAIM REPRINTED WITHOUT CHANGE)**

A method as set forth in Claim 2, further including the steps of:

endowing a prescriber with the first access code;

updating, by a prescriber, of prescription information including at least

one of

deleting a piece of stored prescription data;

adding a new piece of stored prescription data;

changing a piece of stored prescription data;

endowing the pharmacist with the second access code; and,

updating, by the pharmacist, of prescription information including at least

one of

noting the filling of a prescription;

reducing the number of refills remaining for a piece of
stored prescription data; or,

updating patient information.